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1. (Three Times Amended) An ultrasonic motor,

comprising: a movable member disposed to undergo movement in response to a drive force; a substrate having a conductor pattern for conveying a drive signal from a drive circuit; a piezoelectric vibrator provided on the substrate for undergoing oscillating movement in response to the drive signal so as to contact the movable member and generate the drive force to drive the movable member; and a pair of support members disposed on the substrate on opposite sides of the piezoelectric vibrator for mechanically supporting the piezoelectric vibrator on the substrate and transmitting the drive signal from the conductor pattern to electrodes of the piezoelectric vibrator so that no conductor wires extend from the substrate to connect the drive circuit and the piezoelectric vibrator.

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21 24. (Amended) An ultrasonic motor according to

claim 1; wherein the support members have an L-shaped form, one leg of each support member is fixedly attached to the substrate, and another leg of each support member is fixedly attached to the piezoelectric element.

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23 26. (Amended) An ultrasonic motor according to

claim 1; wherein the support members each have an I-shaped form with upper and lower portions having a larger width than

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a middle portion, the lower portion of each support member is fixedly attached to the substrate, and the upper portion of each support member is fixedly attached to the piezoelectric element.

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 20 and 21 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Katsuma, Miyazawa and Vishnevsky '580 and claims 4 and 6 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazawa, Vishnevsky '580 and Katsuma.

Claims 10-19 and 28-32 were allowed and claims 3, 5 and 22-27 were deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 23 to expedite allowance of the application. Claims 20, 21, 23 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or admission, and the dependency of claims 24 and 26 has been amended to conform to amended independent claim 1. The foregoing amendments merely